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In the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-52 (Canceled)

53. (Currently amended) A method of manufacturing a hearing device comprising:
manufacturing a first functional part of a first material to provide a first function for the hearing device;

manufacturing a second functional part of a second material to provide a second function for the hearing device;

assembling said first and second functional parts to form a composite part to provide both said first and second functions at the hearing device, thereby injection molding said second functional part of said second material integrally with said first part and simultaneously performing manufacturing of said second part of said second material and assembling of said second part and of said first part of said first material, and

wherein manufacturing and assembling the first and second functional parts take place within a common mold.

54. (Previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein at least one of the first and second functional parts is a portion of a housing of the hearing device.

55. (Previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein at least one of the first and second functional parts is a seal.

56. (Previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein one of the first and second functional parts is a portion of a housing of the hearing device and the other of the first and second functional parts is a seal.

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57. (Previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein at least one of the first and second functional parts is an acoustical conductor.

58. (Previously presented) The method of claim 57, wherein the acoustical conductor is formed at an output side of an electromechanical transducer of the hearing device.

59. (Previously presented) The method of claim 57, wherein the acoustical conductor is formed at an input side of an acoustical/electrical transducer of the hearing device.

60. (Previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein one of the first and second functional parts is a resilient bush configured to seat a transducer.

61. (Previously presented) The method of claim 53 further comprising, forming and joining a third functional part of the hearing device integrally with the first and second functional parts by multi component injection molding.

62. (Previously presented) The method of claim 61, wherein the first, second, and third functional parts comprise a housing, a seating bush, and an acoustical conductor.

63. (Previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein said second functional part is a rim portion of a feed-through aperture of a housing.

64. (Previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein the first functional part is a first surface area of a housing for the hearing device and the second functional part is a second surface area of the housing, the second surface area being adjacent to the first surface area.

65. (Previously presented) The method of claim 64, wherein the first and second surface areas are differently palpable.

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66. (Previously presented) The method of claim 53, further comprising mounting a unit of the hearing device into an opening of a bordering area, the bordering area being formed by the first and second functional parts.

67. (Previously presented) The method of claim 66, wherein the unit of the hearing device is a manually operable control element.

68. (Previously presented) The method of claim 53, wherein said first functional part is injection molded of said first material simultaneously with injection molding said second functional part of said second material.

69. (Cancelled)

70. (New) A method of manufacturing a hearing device comprising:
manufacturing a first functional part of a first material to provide a first function for the hearing device and as a first separate part;
manufacturing a second functional part of a second material to provide a second function for the hearing device and as a second part; and
assembly the first and second separate parts to form a composite part to provide both the first and the second function at the hearing device,
wherein injection molding the second functional part of the second material integrally with the first part and thereby simultaneously performing manufacturing of the second part of the second material and assembling the second part and the first part of the first material.